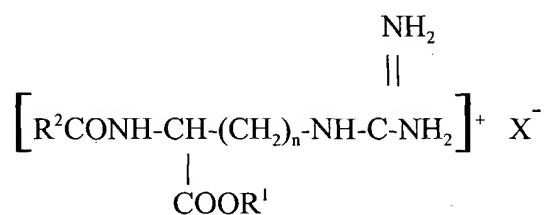


### ABSTRACT

A stable aqueous antiplaque oral composition containing (a) an antibacterial ester compound  
5 having the formula



where R<sup>1</sup> is an alkyl chain of 1 to 8 carbon atoms, and R<sup>2</sup> is an alkyl chain of 6 to 30 carbon  
atoms and X is an anion. (b) a surfactant; (c) a humectant; and, wherein the composition is  
15 free of monohydric alcohol.